

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A composition comprising tiotropium, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, an hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) propellant, a solvent, and an acid selected from the group consisting of one or more of inorganic and or organic acid[s], wherein the acid has a concentration in a range that corresponds to having a pH range of 2.5 - 4.5 in aqueous solution.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 comprising 0.00008 to 0.4 % (w/w) by weight tiotropium, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition according to claim 2, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of tiotropium is selected from the group consisting of one or more of chloride, bromide, iodide, methanesulphonate or para-toluenesulphonate.

Claim 4 (Original): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the HFC propellant is selected from the group consisting of HFC-134(a), HFC-227, HFC-32, HFC-143(a), HFC-134, HFC-152a, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the inorganic acid is selected from the group ~~of inorganic acids~~ consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, and phosphoric acid.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the organic acid is selected from the group ~~of organic acids~~ consisting of ascorbic acid, citric acid, lactic acid, malic acid, benzoic acid, and tartaric acid.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 further comprising water in an amount of up to about 5% (w/w) by weight.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of one or more of alcohols, glycols, glycol ethers, block copolymers of oxyethylene and oxypropylene, glycerol, polyoxyethylene alcohols, ~~polyoxyethylene~~ polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters and glycofurols.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 8 wherein the solvent is present in an amount in the range of 5 - 50% (w/w) ~~by weight~~.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the tiotropium is comprising an anhydrous crystalline form of tiotropium bromide.

Claim 11 (Original): The composition according to claim 1 that is free of water.

Claim 12 (Original): The composition according to claim 10 that is free of water.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 2 comprising tiotropium bromide monohydrate in a range of from 0.0001% to 0.5% (w/w) ~~(by weight)~~, ethanol in the range of 5% to 50% (w/w) ~~(by weight)~~, water up to 5% (w/w) ~~(by weight)~~, acid in an amount to yield a pH range of 2.5 to 4.5 in aqueous solution, and an HFC propellant.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 10 comprising anhydrous crystalline tiotropium bromide in the range of 0.0001% to 0.5% (w/w) ~~(by weight)~~, ethanol in the range of 5% to 50% (w/w) ~~(by weight)~~, water up to 5% (w/w) ~~(by weight)~~, acid in an amount to yield a pH range of 2.5 to 4.5 in aqueous solution, and an HFC propellant.

Claim 15 (Original): A device for the administration of aerosol compositions comprising the composition according to claim 1.

Claim 16 (Original): A device for the administration of aerosol compositions comprising the composition according to claim 10.

Claim 17 (Original): A device for the administration of aerosol compositions comprising the composition according to claim 13.

Claim 18 (Original): A device for the administration of aerosol compositions comprising the composition according to claim 14.

Claim 19 (Original): The device according to claim 15 in the form of a metered-dose inhaler.

Claim 20 (Original): The composition according to claim 1 in the form of an aerosol solution formulation.